

passed by the late District Courts of the United States, and for other purposes;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on tomorrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent the collection of debts in certain cases from debtors in this State;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Call, Chain, Ingram, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—10.

Nays—Messrs. Brokaw and Watlington—2.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

On motion, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

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TUESDAY, February 12th, 1861.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

The Rev. Dr. DuBose officiated as Chaplain.

On motion the reading of yesterday's journal was dispensed with, amended and approved.

Mr. Chain moved that the vote indefinitely postponing a bill to be entitled an act to prohibit negroes or others than white men from being employed as samplers of cotton be reconsidered;

Which was lost.

Mr. Magbee moved that a committee of three be appointed to wait upon the House and request the return to the Senate of a bill to be entitled an act to prevent the collection of debts in certain cases from debtors in this State;

Which was lost.

Mr. Simkins from the committee on Enrolled Bills made the following report:

The committee on Enrolled Bills beg leave to report the following bills as correctly enrolled:

A bill to be entitled an act to change the name of Catherine A. Joyner;

A bill to be entitled an act relative to the Common School Fund of Washington and Holmes county; and

A bill to be entitled an act to encourage the formation of mounted and cavalry companies in this State for military service.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. SIMKINS,

Chairman Com. on Enrolled Bills.

Which was received and read.

A committee appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that the House had refused to concur in Senate amendments to a bill to be entitled an act to authorize the issue of Treasury notes, and to request the Senate to appoint a similar committee to act as a committee of conference with the committee on the part of the House, for the consideration of said bill and amendments.

On motion, Messrs. Magbee, Dawkins and Call were appointed said committee on the part of the Senate.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an act reorganizing the military forces of this State;

Was read the third time.

The question then recurred upon the adoption of the substitute offered by Mr. Call to the amendment offered by Mr. Chain on yesterday;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Chain and Call;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, McQueen, and Rogers—5.

Nays—Messrs. Abercrombie, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee, Simkins and Watlington—7.

So the substitute was lost.

The question then recurred upon the adoption of the amendment offered by Mr. Chain;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Chain and Call;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee and Watlington—6.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—6.

So the amendment was lost.

The bill was then put upon its passage;

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The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, and Simkins—9.

Nays—Messrs. Abercrombie, Chain and Watlington—3.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled an act to amend the laws of this State with regard to malicious mischief;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Brokaw, Chain, and Watlington—4.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Call, Dawkins, Jones, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—7.

So the bill was lost.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House resolution authorizing the Treasurer to make temporary arrangements to meet the expenses of the present General Assembly;

Was taken up and on motion passed over informally.

House resolution providing for the appointment of a Major-General in the army of Florida;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Jones, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—8.

Nays—Messrs. Abercrombie, Chain, Dawkins, Magbee and Watlington—5.

So said bill passed.

On motion of Mr. Call the title of the resolution was amended by striking out "Major" and inserting "Brigadier."

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled an act to provide for the payment of contractors surveying public lands in this State;

Mr. Call offered the following amendments:

Strike out "the Surveyor General of this State or any person who is acting in said capacity," and insert "Register of State Lands," in the seventh and eighth lines strike out "said," in the tenth line insert after the word "Surveyor General" "of the late United States."

Which was adopted.

The bill as amended was then put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—13.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Rogers, a committee consisting of Messrs. Rogers, Ingram and Jones, were appointed to convey to the House a bill to be entitled an act reorganizing the military forces of this State and a resolution providing for the appointment of Brigadier-General, and to inform the House of the passage of the same.

A committee appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that they had been appointed a committee on the part of the House to inform the Senate that the House had refused to concur in Senate amendment to a bill to be entitled an act for providing for carrying the mails, and to act with a similar committee on the part of the Senate as a committee of conference for the consideration of said bill and amendments.

On motion, Messrs. Simkins, Rogers and Baldwin were appointed said committee on the part of the Senate.

A committee appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that they had been appointed a committee of conference to act with a similar committee on the part of the Senate for the consideration of House amendments to Senate bill to be entitled an act to authorize the issue of Bonds to the extent of one million dollars by the Commonwealth of Florida.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the issue of bonds to the extent of one million dollars by the Commonwealth of Florida;

Was taken up.

On motion of Mr. Call, the Senate refused to concur in the amendments proposed by the House.

On motion, a committee consisting of Messrs. Watlington, Chain and Abercrombie, were appointed to certify the same to the House, and to inform the House that Messrs. Call, Magbee and Brokaw had been appointed to act with a similar committee on the part of the House as a committee of conference.

A committee appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that they had been appointed by the House to inform the Senate that the House had refused to concur in the substitute proposed by the Senate, to a bill to be entitled an act regulating the duties of Registers and Receivers of Public Lands in this State, and for other purposes, and ask the Senate to recede therefrom.

On motion, a committee consisting of Messrs. Call, Rogers and Simkins were appointed to inform the House that the Senate insists on its amendments to the bill.

The committee retired and after a short absence returned and reported that they had performed their duty and were discharged.

House bill to be entitled an act to clean out and improve the navigation of Yellow River in West Florida ;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage ;

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Finlayson, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—13.

Nays—Messrs. Brokaw and Ingram—2.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act encouraging the cultivation of Tropical Fruits ;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Magbee moved that both the original bill and the substitute reported by the committee, to be entitled an act, stand upon their own merits.

Mr. Ingram moved to lay the bill and substitute as reported by the committee upon the table ;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Magbee and Ingram ;

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Brokaw, Finlayson, Ingram and McQueen—5.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—10.

So the motion was lost.

The question then recurred upon the motion of Mr. Magbee ;

Which was adopted.

The substitute was upon motion first taken up ;

Mr. Call moved to amend by offering the following substitute for the fifth section :

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That every citizen of this State, male or female, above the age of eighteen years, and the head of a family, not at the date of the passage of this act the *bona fide* owner of one hundred and sixty acres of land, or entitled under this act to a land warrant for that amount, and every person who shall emigrate to this State within twelve months from the passage of this act, shall be entitled to one hundred and sixty acres of land for him or herself, and forty acres for every actual white member of his or her family : *Provided*, said persons shall actually occupy and cultivate a fair proportion of the said lands, the provisions of this section to be carried out under such rules and regulations to prevent fraud and speculation, and to receive *bona fide* settlers and cultivators as the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State may prescribe.

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Magbee and Ingram ;

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Finlayson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen and Simkins—12.

Nays—Messrs. Dawkins, Rogers and Watlington—3.

So the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Dawkins moved to amend the fifth section just adopted, by adding the following words : "on the payment of one dollar per acre therefor ;"

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Magbee and Ingram ;

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Brokaw, Dawkins, Ingram and McQueen—5.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Chain, Finlayson, Jones, Magbee, Simkins and Watlington—9.

So the amendment was lost.

Mr. Magbee moved to strike out the fifth section just adopted ;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Magbee and Ingram :

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Chain, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee, Rogers and Simkins—6.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Finlayson, Ingram, McQueen and Watlington—9.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Call moved to amend by inserting after the word "lands" in the 17th line of the 5th section, the words "for the period of twelve months ;"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Call moved that the rules be waived and the bill be read the third time by its title and put upon its passage ;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Magbee and Finlayson :

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Ingram, Jones, Magbee and Rogers—7.

Nays—Messrs. Abercrombie, Brokaw, Chain, Dawkins, Finlayson, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—8.

So the Senate refused to waive the rules.

On motion of Mr. Call, the bill was then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, to be taken up when the engrossing committee report the same.

On motion of Mr. Call the original bill was then taken up ;

In the first section Mr. Rogers moved to strike out "36" and insert "9" after the word "sections ;"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Rogers moved to amend the second section as follows :

After the words "State of Florida" insert the words "the expense of such survey to be defrayed by the said D. W. F. Bisbee, L. D. Stickney, A. D. Howe, and their associates ;"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Rogers moved to amend the third section by inserting before the word "section" in the first line, the word "quarter ;"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Rogers moved to amend the fourth section by inserting before the word "section" in the first line, the word "quarter ;"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Rogers moved to strike out the 5th section ;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Rogers moved to amend by striking out the preamble ;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Dawkins moved to amend section four by adding the words, "on payment of one dollar per acre therefor."

Which was lost.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed as amended, for a third reading, to be taken up when the engrossing committee report the same.

The following message was received from His Excellency the Governor :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, {
Tallahassee, Feb. 12, 1861. }

HON. T. J. EPPES,

President of the Senate :

Sir : I respectfully recommend the following nominations for the advice and consent of the General Assembly :

Santa Rosa County.

Auctioneer—John G. McLean,

Liberty County.

Auctioneer—James Kelly,

Gadsden County.

Auctioneer—John Wilson.

Very Respectfully,

M. S. PERRY.

Which was read and the nominations therein contained advised and consented to.

A committee appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that they had been appointed by the House to inform the Senate that the House had passed a Senate bill to be entitled an act for the relief of

the Pensacola and Georgia Railroad Company, with certain amendments, and to request the Senate to concur in the same ;

Which was received, and the bill placed among the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an act requiring certain statements to be made by the several banks of this State to the Governor and Comptroller ;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Call moved its indefinite postponement ;

Which was lost.

Mr. Call offered the following amendment :

Be it further enacted, That nothing in this act shall be so construed as requiring any chartered bank to make any other and different returns than those specified in their charters, or to authorize the Governor to appoint a receiver in any other cases than those enumerated in the charters of said bank.

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Baldwin and Eppes ;

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Call, Chain, Ingram, Rogers and Simkins—5.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Dawkins, Finlayson, Jones and McQueen—8.

So the amendment was lost.

The bill was then ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

A committee appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that the House had passed a bill to be entitled an act to establish a bank in the city of Apalachicola, to be called the Western Bank of Florida, and to ask the concurrence of the Senate in the same.

Which was received and the bill placed among the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an act in regard to Telegraph Companies ;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Call moved its indefinite postponement :

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Eppes and Dawkins ;

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—7.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Chain, Dawkins, Finlayson and Watlington—7.

So said motion was lost.

Mr. Call offered the following amendment as a substitute for all after the enacting clause :

That any company or association which may first construct a Telegraph to the island of Cuba shall after the same is finished, have

the exclusive right to keep and maintain a telegraph between said points for the period of twenty years.

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Eppes and Dawkins:

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Finlayson, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—10.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Chain and Dawkins—4.

So the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Dawkins moved to amend the substitute by inserting after the word "first", the words "begin to."

Which was lost.

The bill as amended was then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an act to vest the several Circuit Courts of this State, hereinafter named, with the power which were possessed by the late District Courts of the United States, and for other purposes;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Call moved its indefinite postponement.

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Eppes and Dawkins;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brokaw, Call and Ingram—3.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Chain, Dawkins, Finlayson, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—13.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Call moved to strike out the seventh section;

Which was adopted.

The bill was then ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

The rules being waived, Mr. McQueen from the joint Judiciary committee made the following report:

The committee on the Militia to whom was referred the House resolution in relation to the employment of Edward Powell, and Senate resolution in relation to the employment of Henry Douglass in the military service of the State have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to

REPORT

That the persons named in the resolutions, were at the date of the ordinance of secession or shortly previous, in the service of the United States as Sergeants of Ordinance, the former in charge of the Arsenal at Chattahoochee, and the latter of St. Francis Barracks

and other Government works at St. Augustine. They have resigned their warrants to the late United States Government, and have tendered their services to the State of Florida, and have thus indicated their desire to make common cause with our citizens in their struggle (if any there be) for an honorable independence.

The committee take occasion to express their high appreciation of the spirit which actuates these gentlemen in proposing to stand by the colors of the weaker party against the stronger, but regarding the resolutions as containing nothing upon which the opinion of the committee need be expressed to enlighten the Senate, report the same back the Senate for their consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. W. McQUEEN,

Of Senate Com.

Which report was received and read and resolution placed among the orders of the day.

The following message was received from His Excellency the Governor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Tallahassee, February 12, 1861. }

HON. T. J. EPPES,

President of the Senate:

SIR: I have approved and signed the following bills and resolution:

An act to authorize the County Commissioners of Hillsborough county to borrow money and for other purposes;

An act to amend an act to provide for writs of error in criminal cases, approved January 4th, 1858;

An act for the relief of Donald Cameron;

An act for the relief of Edward M. West;

An act to punish breaches of trust by Telegraph Operators;

An act to amend an act governing the County Commissioners of Nassau County in certain cases;

An act to amend an act to require licenses to be taken out by persons and subjects not hitherto taxed, approved January 12, 1849;

An act to relieve the town Council of the town of Milton of the limits of fifty per cent in taxation;

An act requiring railroad companies to maintain proper cattle guards and railroad crossings;

An act to authorize Joseph H. Rowe, William J. Keyser and others owners of wharf Property at Milton in Santa Rosa county to establish and charge rates of wharfage;

An act to improve the navigation of Weekiver creek and Clay Spring run and to reclaim swamp lands on said streams;

An act to incorporate the Marine and Fire Insurance company of Pensacola;

An act supplemental to an act to establish the Planters and Merchants Bank of Pensacola;

Resolution for the relief of A. B. Noyes and others;

An act for the relief of James McCormick;

An act for the relief of M. D. Papy and others; and

An act to improve the navigation of Chipola river, &c.

Respectfully,

M. S. PERRY.

Which was read.

The rules being waived, House bill to be entitled an act to establish a bank in the city of Apalachicola to be called the Western Bank of Florida;

Was read the first and second time by its title and referred to a select committee consisting of Messrs. Chain, McQueen and Abercrombie.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of the Pensacola and Georgia Railroad Company;

Was taken up, and on motion, the House amendments concurred in.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House, the bill was then ordered to be enrolled.

On motion, the Senate took a recess untill half-past 4 o'clock this evening.

HALF-PAST FOUR O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

A quorum present.

The orders of the day were resumed.

The rules being waived, Mr. Call moved that a committee be appointed to ask the House to transmit to the Senate a copy of the House bill entitled an act to amend the election laws in force in this State, which bill was transmitted to the Senate on the 26th of January, read twice in that body, and has since been mislaid, in order that the copy so transmitted when received may be placed among the orders of the day in the Senate in lieu of the original bill so mislaid.

Which was adopted, and Messrs. Call, McQueen and Watlington were appointed said committee;

The committee retired, and after a short absence returned and reported that they had performed that duty and were discharged.

The rules being waived, Mr. Magbee moved that a committee of three be appointed to examine the Assistant Secretary's Journal;

Which was adopted, and Messrs. Magbee, Brokaw and Watlington appointed said committee.

The rules being waived, Mr. Chain from a special committee made the following report:

The Special committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to establish a bank in the city of Apalachicola, to be called the Western Bank of Florida, have had the same under consideration and ask leave to

REPORT

That upon examination of the bill they find that it corresponds in all particulars with the Constitution of the State, and is well guarded in every particular, so as to protect the rights of the public and of the stockholders, and therefore recommend its passage.

JOHN CHAIN,

JAS. W. McQUEEN,

JAS. ABERCROMBIE.

Committee.

Which was received and read, and on motion the bill read the third time by its title and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—13.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

The rules being waived, Mr. Baldwin from the committee on Schools and Colleges made the following report:

The committee on Schools and Colleges to whom was referred the bill to be entitled an act to amend the act of 1851, providing for the establishment of two seminaries of learning have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to

REPORT

That there is no objections to the provisions of the bill and nothing therein requiring further investigation by the committee, therefore the bill is returned with the recommendation for its passage.

A. S. BALDWIN.

Chairman.

Which was received and read, and the bills placed among the orders of the day.

The rules being waived, Mr. Baldwin from a select committee made the following report:

The select committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to authorize the appointment of Stevedores, &c., have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to

REPORT:

That they believe that some law is necessary upon this subject, but to meet the views entertained by the different members of the committee, the following substitute is offered for the original bill, and recommend its passage.

Respectfully submitted,

A. S. BALDWIN,
JAS. ABERCROMBIE,
E. C. SIMKINS,

Which report was received and read and bills placed among the orders of the day.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 12th 1861. }

HON. T. J. EPPES,

President of the Senate:

SIR—The House has passed the following bill, viz:

Senate bill to be entitled an act to incorporate a company to construct a Railroad from St. Andrews to some point on the line of Georgia or Alabama in West Florida.

Respectfully,

A. J. PEELER,
Clerk House Rep.

Which was read, and the bills ordered to be enrolled.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 12, 1861. }

HON. T. J. EPPES,

President of the Senate:

SIR: The House has passed the following bills, viz:

House bill to be entitled an act defining who may make the affidavits required in suits of attachment and of garnishment;

House bill to be entitled an act to provide additional safeguards for persons and property upon the Railroads in this State;

House bill to be entitled an act to improve the navigation of the Apalachicola river, and to reclaim the swamp and overflowed lands on said river;

House bill to be entitled an act to improve the navigation of the Withlacoochee River, and reclaim the swamp and overflowed lands on said river;

House bill to be entitled an act to improve the navigation of Peas Creek and to drain the swamp and overflowed lands thereon;

House bill to be entitled an act to allow Thomas Jefferson Filmore Ault to change his name to Thomas Jefferson Filmore Johns, and for other purposes;

Senate bill to be entitled an act providing for the maintainance of the Light houses on the sea board;

Senate bill to be entitled an act providing for the Representation of this State in the Southern Confederation;

Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend the laws of this State regulating the issue of the process of garnishment, with amendments;

Senate bill to be entitled an act to alter and change the time of holding the several terms of the Supreme Court, as amended;

Senate bill to be entitled an act still further defining the duties of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund;

House bill to be entitled an act to exempt Telegraphic operators from military, road and patrol duty;

Senate bill to be entitled an act to establish the bank of Tallahassee at Tallahassee, as amended; and

Senate resolution in relation to land warrants.

Respectfully,

A. J. PEELER,
Clerk House Reps.

Which was read, the Senate bills and resolution which had passed the House without amendment ordered to be enrolled, and the amended Senate bills and the House bills placed among the orders of the day.

House bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to amend the election laws of this State;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—12.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

On motion, a committee consisting of Messrs. Chain, Abercrombie and Ingram, were appointed to convey said bill to the House and notify that body of the passage of the bill by the Senate.

Mr. Ingram from the committee on engrossed bills made the following report:

The committee on engrossed bills beg leave to report the following bills as correctly engrossed:

A bill to be entitled an act in regard to Telegraph Companies;

A bill to be entitled an act granting land warrants to the volunteers of Florida, and to provide for the payment of lost horses while in public service, and for other purposes; and

A bill to be entitled an act encouraging the cultivation of tropical fruits.

Respectfully submitted,

T. INGRAM,
Chairman.

Which was received and read and the bills placed among the orders of the day.

The committee appointed to convey to the House House bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to amend the election laws of this State, returned and reported that they had performed that duty, and were discharged.

The rules being waived, Mr. Watlington, from the committee on Propositions and Grievances made the following report:

The committee on Propositions and Grievances to whom was referred the petition of A. L. Woodward, receiver of public moneys of the late United States, praying the remission of the amounts due by him to the State of Florida on account of rent of office for the years 1859 and 1860, beg leave to

REPORT

That they have examined said petition and find the following to be a correct statement of the facts connected therewith: That in the year 1859, a room was rented by the Treasurer of the State to said Receiver at the rate of \$100 per annum, and that of this amount there has been paid \$67 50, leaving a balance still due on account of rent for the year 1859 of \$32 50.

That in the year 1860, the said Receiver rented a different room at the rate of \$50 per annum, the whole of which sum is now due. The whole amount due at this time from said officer is therefore \$82 50. By reference to Resolution No. 6 of the adjourned session of 1859, it will be seen that the Register of Public Lands sought at that time the same relief which the Receiver now seeks and that this relief was granted to him on the ground that it was an advantage to the State and the citizens thereof that a room in the Capitol should be occupied by him. For the same reason your committee

recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution which gives the relief prayed for in said petition.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS WATLINGTON,
Chairman.

Which was received and read and the resolution placed among the orders of the day.

House resolution relative to the employment of Edward Powell in the military service of the State;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Call offered as a substitute for the resolution, and a resolution relative to the employment of Henry Douglass in the military service of this State, joint resolution in relation to Edward Powell and Henry Douglass;

Which was adopted.

The substitute was then read the third time by its title and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—14.

Nays—none.

So said resolution passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A committee appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that they had been appointed on the part of the House to convey back to the Senate House resolution to provide for the appointment of a Major-General in the army of Florida, and to inform the Senate that the House had refused to concur in the Senate substitute to said resolution, and to ask the Senate to recede from its passage.

Which was received and the resolution placed among the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the law of this State regulating the issue of process of garnishment;

Was taken up, the House amendments concurred in and the bill ordered to be enrolled.

A bill to be entitled an act to establish the Bank of Tallahassee, at Tallahassee;

Was taken up, the House amendments concurred in and the bill ordered to be enrolled.

A bill to be entitled an act to alter and change the time of holding the several terms of the Supreme Court;

Was taken up, the House amendments concurred in and the bill ordered to be enrolled.

A bill to be entitled an act in regard to Telegraph Companies;

Was read the third time by its title and put upon its passage;

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, McCall, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—13.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act for the cultivation of Tropical Fruits ;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage ;

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Call, Chain, McCall, McQueen, Simkins, and Watlington—10.

Nays—Messrs. Brokaw, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones and Magbee—5.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act granting Land Warrants to the volunteers of Florida and to provide for lost horses while in actual service, and for other purposes ;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage ;

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—13.

Nay—Mr. Ingram—1.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

On motion, a committee consisting of Messrs. Magbee, Chain and Dawkins were appointed to convey the two last named bills to the House and to inform that body of the passage of the same by the Senate.

The committee retired, and after a short absence returned and reported that they had performed that duty and were discharged.

Resolution for the relief of A. L. Woodward ;

Was read the first time, rules waived, read the second time by its title, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, to be taken up when the committee Engrossed bills shall report it.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Board of Port Wardens of the Port of Jacksonville to appoint Stevedores ;

Was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, to be taken up when the committee on Engrossed bills shall report it.

House bill to be entitled an act defining who may make the affidavits required in suits of attachment and of garnishment ;

Was read the first time, rules waived, read the second and third times by its title and put upon its passage ;

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Call, Chain, Jones, McCall and Watlington—5.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Dawkins, Ingram, Magbee, McQueen and Simkins—9.

So the bill was lost.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled an act to amend the 23rd section of the act to provide for and encourage a liberal system of Internal Improvements in this State, approved Jan. 6th, 1855 ;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage ;

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—13.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled an act to amend the act of 1851, providing for the establishment of two seminaries of learning ;

Was read the second time, rules waived read the third time by its title and put upon its passage ;

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen and Watlington—13.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled an act to improve the navigation of Peas Creek and to drain the swamp and overflowed lands thereon ;

Was read the first time, rules waived, read the second and third times by its title, and put upon its passage ;

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen and Watlington—13.

Nays—none.

So so said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled an act to improve the navigation of the Withlacoochee river and reclaim the swamp and overflowed lands on said river;

Was read the first time, rules waived, read the second and third times by its title and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen and Watlington—13.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled an act to improve the navigation of the Apalachicola river, and to reclaim the swamp and overflowed lands on said river;

Was read the first time, rules waived, read the second and third time by its title and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen and Watlington—13.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled an act to provide additional safeguards for persons and property upon the Railroads in this State;

Was read the first time, rules waived, read the second and third times by its title and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—14.

Nay—Mr. McCall—1.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled an act to exempt Telegraph Operators from Militia, Road and Patrol duties;

Was read the first time, rules waived and read the second time by its title.

Mr. Call moved its indefinite postponement;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Call and Rogers;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, Rogers and Simkins—8.

Nays—Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Chain, Dawkins, McCall, McQueen and Watlington—7.

So the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

The rules being waived Mr. Dawkins moved to reconsider the vote taken on yesterday upon the bill to be entitled an act to amend the attachment laws now in force in this State;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Dawkins and Jones;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee, McCall and McQueen—9.

Nays—Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Ingram, Rogers and Simkins—5.

So the vote was reconsidered.

Mr. Call moved to strike out the 1st section of the bill;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. Dawkins and McCall;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Brokaw, Call, Magbee, Rogers and Watlington—7.

Nays—Messrs. Baldwin, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, McCall, McQueen and Simkins—8.

So the Senate refused to strike out.

Mr. Call moved the indefinite postponement of the bill;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. Ingram and McCall;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Magbee, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—7.

Nays—Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, McCall and McQueen—8.

So the motion was lost.

The bill was then ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an act to allow Thomas Jefferson Filmore Ault to change his name to Thomas Jefferson Filmore Johns, and for other purposes;

Was read the first time, rules waived, and read the second time;

Mr. Call offered the following as an additional section:

Be it farther enacted, That the names of all other persons who shall within ten months from the passage of this act, file a written declaration of their desire and intention to change their names in the clerk's office of their respective counties, shall be changed to the names in the said declaration mentioned.

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Call and Rogers;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Ingram, Jones, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—8.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Chain, Dawkins, Magbee, McCall and McQueen—7.

So the amendment was adopted.

The rules being waived, the bill was read the third time by its title and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen and Watlington—11.

Nays—Messrs. Baldwin, Ingram, Rogers and Simkins—4.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A committee appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that they had been appointed a committee of conference on the part of the House to act with a similar committee on the part of the Senate to advise and confer upon the consideration of Senate substitute to House bill entitled an act regulating the duties of Registers and receivers of Public Lands in this State and for other purposes.

Messrs. Call, Jones and McCall were appointed said committee on the part of the Senate.

On motion the Senate adjourned until half-past 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, February 13th, 1861.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

The Rev. Dr. DuBose officiated as Chaplain.

On motion the reading of yesterday's journal was dispensed with, amended and approved.

Mr. Call asked leave, which was not granted, to introduce without previous notice the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act for the preservation of public property and for other purposes.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

February 13th, 1861.

HON. T. J. EPPES,

President of the Senate:

SIR: The House has refused to pass a Senate bill to be entitled an act reorganizing the military forces of this State, and have adopted in lieu thereof a substitute as an amendment, which bill and substitute are herewith submitted.

Respectfully,

A. J. PEELER,

Clerk House of Representatives.

Which was read, and the bills placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. McCall introduced the following preamble and resolution: WHEREAS, the Governor of this State has been officially notified that a permanent government will soon supercede the present provisional government of the Confederate States of America, and that Senators to represent this State under said Government must be elected at an early day; and, Whereas, great expense to this State will accrue in recalling this Legislature, now in session, for that purpose, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened. That the General Assembly go into the election of Senators to the Confederate States of America, as provided for, or hereafter to be provided for, by the Convention of the Southern States now assembled at Montgomery, Alabama, this day at 7 o'clock, P. M.

Which was read.

Mr. McCall moved that the rules be waived to allow the resolution to be read a second time;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. Magbee and McCall;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, McCall and Watlington—6.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Ingram, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—9.

So the motion was lost.

The resolution was then ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A committee appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that they had been appointed a committee on the part of the House to request the Senate to return to the House, a bill to be entitled an act to provide for a circulating medium in the State of Florida.